

Wildlife Volunteer Opportunity



Bald Eagle Nest Observations

Location:

Statewide

Dates of Opportunity Availability:

Opportunity start date: immediate. Opportunity is ongoing. Dates of volunteer service are flexible according to availability.

Hours of Service Requested:

A nest observation takes a minimum of 30 minutes per nest. The hours of day are flexible according to availability.

Description:

Volunteer assistance is requested to report to the Iowa DNR unidentified bald eagle nests that volunteers may locate. To report eagle nests to the DNR, the volunteer should use the form available on-line at http://www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/files/report_eagles.html and return it completed to the wildlife diversity team at the contact information below.

Initial observations of the bald eagle nests include: recording the parental activities (i.e. nest maintenance, absent, incubating) and information on the young (numbers of eggs, young, fledglings) and describing the nest's location, tree species, living/dead, nest height, waterbody utilized, and landowner.

Volunteer would be benefited by possessing the ability to identify a bald eagle, and distinguish an eagle nest from that of other raptors and colonial waterbirds. For helpful tips on identifying bald eagle nests visit http://www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/files/report_eagles.html. Although not necessary, volunteer would be benefited by possessing binoculars or spotting scopes to observe eagle nest activities; by having access to a computer for the online forms and internet maps/UTMs; and by having GPS equipment, plat books, plat maps, sportsmen's atlas, aerial photos, internet maps, or some other source to define the location of the eagle nest.

This is a great opportunity for families, individuals, and groups.

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